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SUBJ: DISCUSSION WITH PRIME MINISTER ON ESQUIRE MAGAZINE
ARTICLE ON ABACO

REF: A) NASSAU 179; B) STATE 28845

1. AT DINNER AT MY RESIDENCE ON THE 14TH PRIMIN ENGAGED IN DISCUSSION WITH NOVELIST ARTHUR HAILEY (AUTHOR OF AIRPORT, HOTEL, WHEELS, ETC.) ON ESQUIRE ARTICLE ON ABACO, REF A. SINCE I WAS ENGAGED IN THE DISCUSSION AFTER IT HAD COMMENCED I DO NOT KNOW WHO RAISED THE POINT OR HOW IT WAS RAISED. HOWEVER, PRIMIN WAS EXPRESSING STRONG VIEW THAT WERBELL AND COMPANY WERE TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY. I INJECTED VIEW EXPRESSED IN REF B NOTING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT: A) IMPLAUSIBLE TO BELIEVE THAT ST. GEORGE WOULD HAVE BEEN INVITED TO SIT IN ON DISCUSSION OF CONSPIRATORS WITH CERTAINTY THAT THIS WOULD RECEIVE WIDE PUBLIC REPORTING, B) THAT ANY MILITARY ARMS SALES MUST BE LICENSED BY STATE DEPARTMENT, AND C) THAT ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED BY ST. GEORGE WOULD BE ILLEGAL UNDER US LAW, THUS LEAVING PERPETRATORS OPEN TO APPREHENSION AND PUNISHMENT. I TENDED GENERALLY TO DENIGRATE SERIOUSNESS OF WERBELL AND COMPANY.

2. WHILE PRIMIN SEEMED STEADFAST IN HIS CONVICTION THAT WERBELL, DESPITE HIS FLAMBOYANT METHOD OF OPERATION, WAS
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TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY, THERE WAS NO SUGGESTION THAT USG WAS

ACTING IMPROPERLY RE WERBELL OR ABACO DISSIDENT GROUP.
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